The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I live in Cheyenne, Wyoming the largest city in the state, yet we retain a very rural atmosphere. With the merger of these twwo fine companies, Echo-Star and Direct TV the residence of Wyoming will retain their rural atmosphere yet gain an edge in the communications market previously only afforded to the larger television markets. Please expedite this merger for the benefit of Wyoming and its future.

As a small market town, Cheyenne has not been given the advantages of the larger markets. When it comes to local television the service is sub-par at best. Even the cable subscribers complain abouts Channel 5's poor signal and lack luster news program. Help us into the 21st Century and we will become a viable community with better communications networking.

Sincerely,

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